Quantum Computing at DLR

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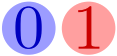

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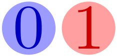

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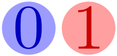

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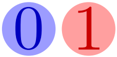

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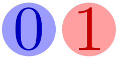

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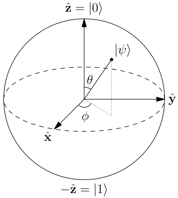

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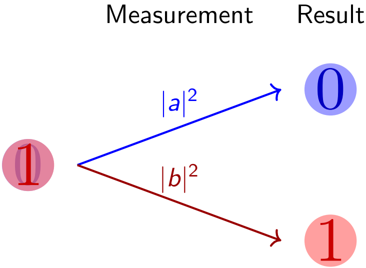

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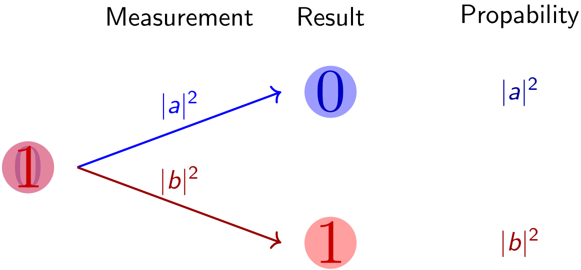

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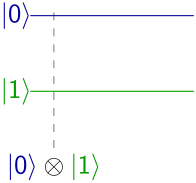

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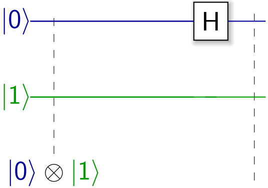

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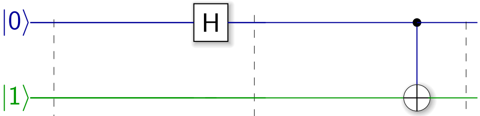

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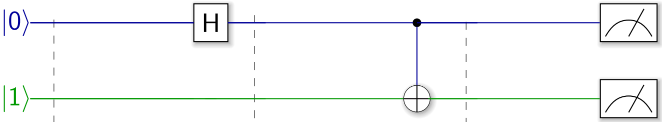

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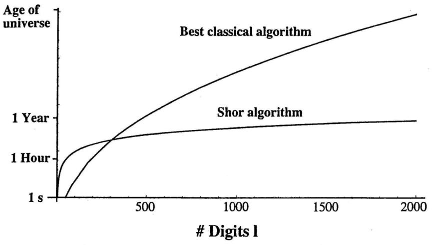
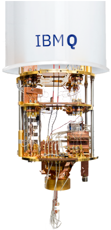


Near-Term Quantum Computers

- Recent hardware devolopment up to 72 qubits
- Hardware restrictions (fidelity, noise, feasible gates, etc.)
- "Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum Computers"
- Compare to early supercomputers. How to employ their power for something useful?



IBM Q

Rigetti Chip Architecture

Google Bristlecone Chip

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Question

What can we do with "Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum Computers" in the near future?

Answer

- Use Algorithms with no proven speedup
- Use Algorithms which do not require quantum error correction
- Note: Most of the current codes run on a supercomputer have not theoretically proven speedup

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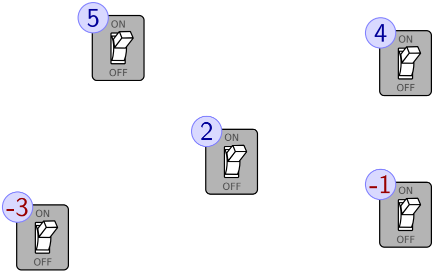

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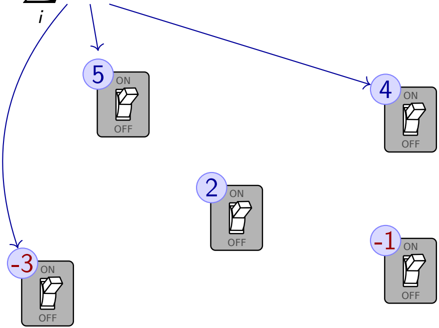

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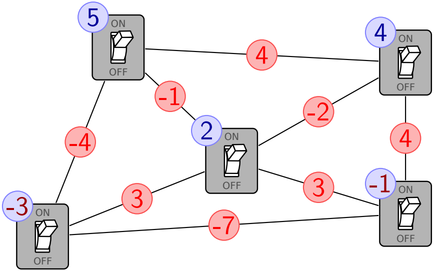

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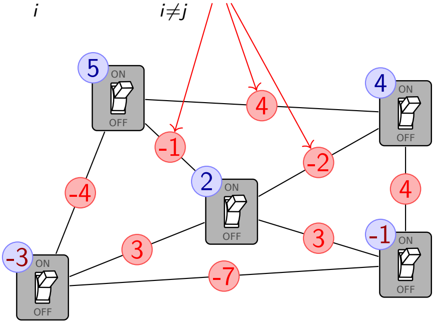

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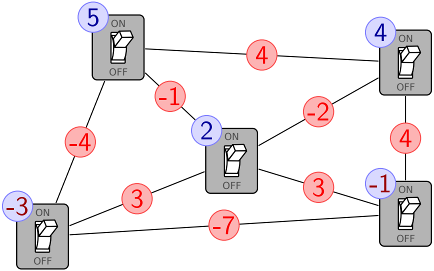

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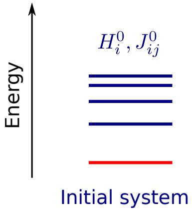

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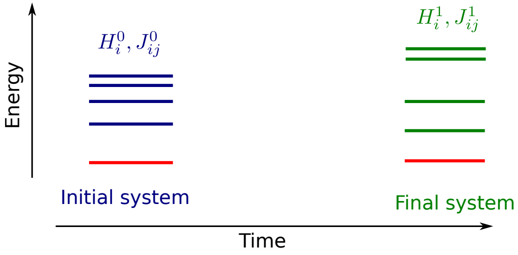

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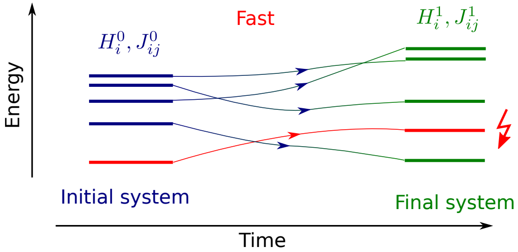

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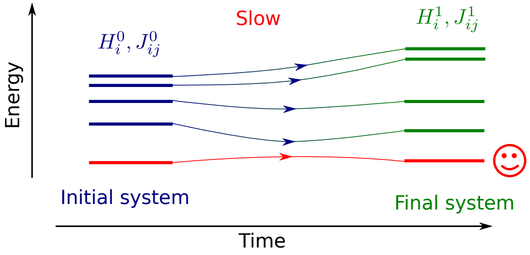

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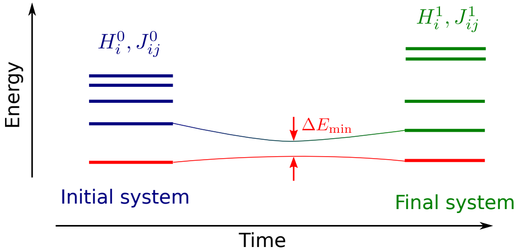
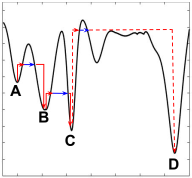


- Runtime $\propto \frac{1}{\Delta E_{\mathrm{min}}}$

Runtime of Quantum Annealers

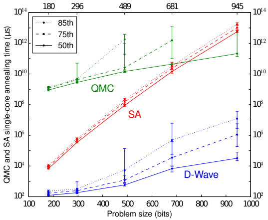
There are indications for a supremacy over classical methods

- Problems with **tall** and **narrow** barriers
- Quantum tunneling



Open questions:

- Is there quantum supremacy for real-world problems?
- What about scaling?



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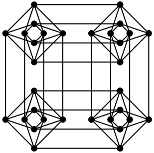

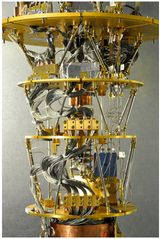

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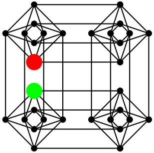

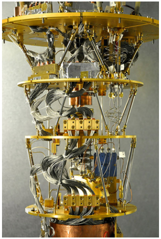

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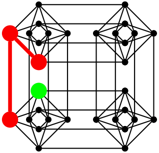

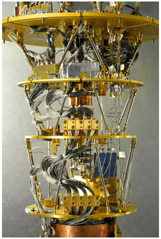

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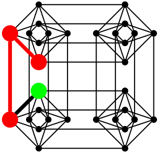

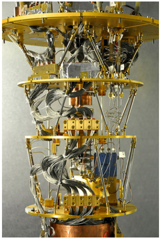

Applications

Which problems can be mapped to QUBO?

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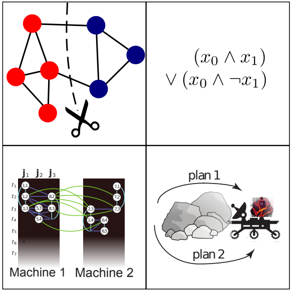
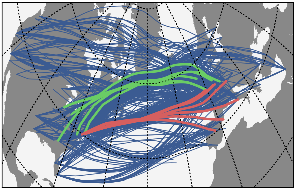
- All NP-Complete Problems. E.g.
  - Graph Partitioning
  - Satisfiablity Problems
- Planning
  - Job-Shop Scheduling
  - Mars-Lander Operations
- Machine Learning



Application for Aerospace Research



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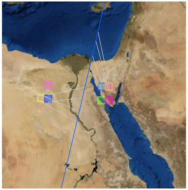

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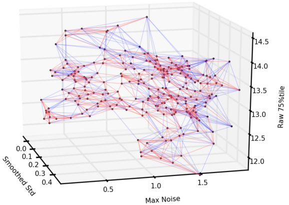

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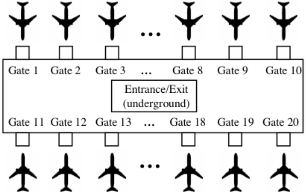

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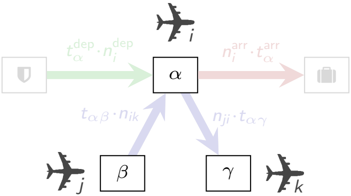

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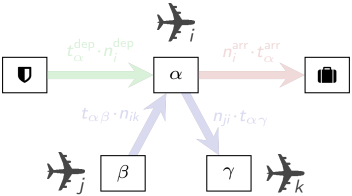

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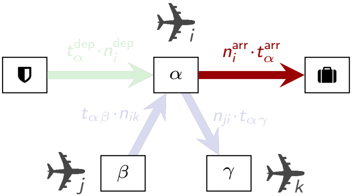

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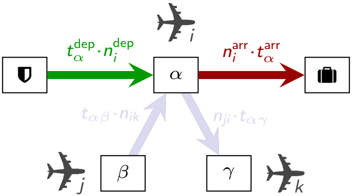

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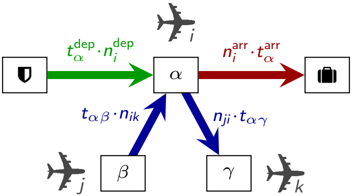

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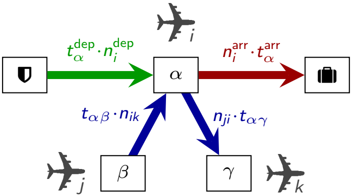

Minimizing the total transfer time with the cost function

$$C = \sum_{i\alpha} n_i^{\text{arr}} t_\alpha^{\text{arr}} x_{i\alpha} + \sum_{i\alpha} n_i^{\text{dep}} t_\alpha^{\text{dep}} x_{i\alpha} + \sum_{ij\alpha\beta} n_{ij} t_{\alpha\beta} x_{i\alpha} x_{j\beta}$$

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Hybrid Quantum-Classical Algorithms

Problem

$$\min_{\gamma} \langle \gamma | C | \gamma \rangle$$

Algorithm

- Prepare parametrized state $|\gamma\rangle$ on gate based quantum computer
- Calculate expectation value $\langle \gamma | C | \gamma \rangle$
- Optimize parameters γ with classical optimization

Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm

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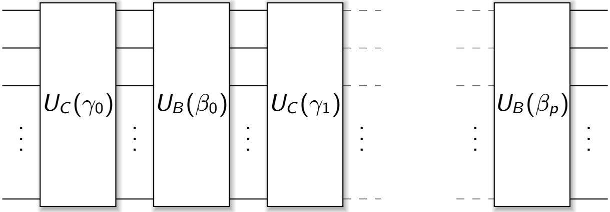
$|\psi_0\rangle$



final state
$|\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\beta}\rangle$

$= e^{\mathrm{i}\gamma_0 C}$ $= e^{\mathrm{i}\beta_0 B}$

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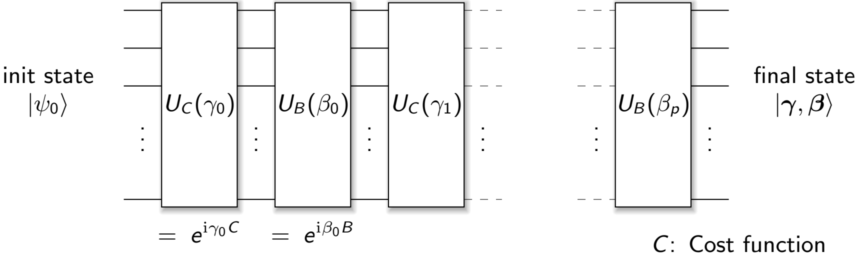

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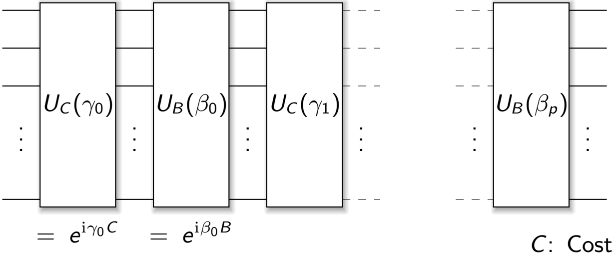

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QAOA for Constraint Optimization

Find suitable mixer B

- That keeps valid states valid
- That explores the whole space

Example:

$$\sum_{i\alpha} x_{i\alpha} = 1$$

Use SWAP mixer:

$$\begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$$

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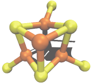
Quantum Chemistry - Variational Quantum Eigensolver

- Calculate ground state of molecules



fermionic problem →

classical cost function →

qubit Hamiltonian

$$H_q = \sum_\alpha h_\alpha P_\alpha = \sum_\alpha h_\alpha \bigotimes_{j=1}^{N} \sigma_j^{\alpha_j}.$$

↓

classical

calculate energy

$$E = \sum_\alpha h_\alpha \langle \Psi(\theta) | P_\alpha | \Psi(\theta) \rangle \geq E_{\text{exact}}$$

adjust parameters

θ

optimize

quantum

prepare trial state

$|\Psi(\theta)\rangle$

↓

measure expectation values

$$\langle \Psi(\theta) | \bigotimes_{j=1}^{N} \sigma_j^{\alpha_j} | \Psi(\theta) \rangle$$

↓

solution θ^*

Moll et.al. arXiv:1710.01022

HHL Algorithm for Radar Cross Section

HHL Algorithm

- Harrow, Hassidim, Lloyd (2008, arXiv:0811.3171)
- Solves $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ in $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ instead of $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$

Fine Print

- A must be sparse
- A must be well conditioned
- Solution $\mathbf{x}$ is encoded in state $|x\rangle = \sum_i x_i |i\rangle$
- Needs quantum error correction

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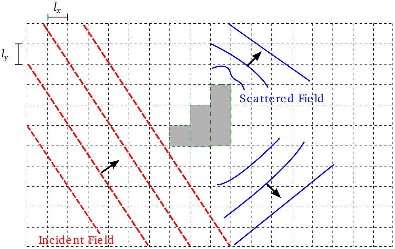


Clader et.al. arXiv:1301.2340

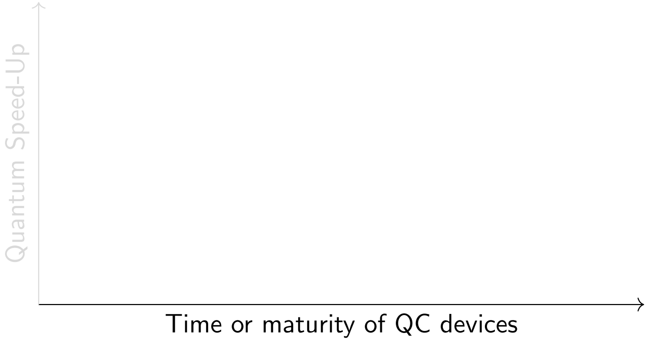
- FEM calculation for stationary scattering problem
- Scattering cross section is of the form

$$S \sim |\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{x}|^2 = |\langle \mathbf{R} | \mathbf{x} \rangle|^2$$

Resource Analysis

- Matrix oracle on QC
- Implement matrix oracale on classical reversible circuits
- Estimate resources on QC

Personal View on Speed-Up and Timescales



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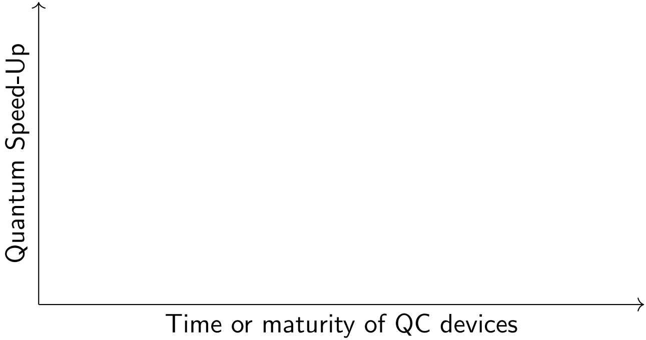

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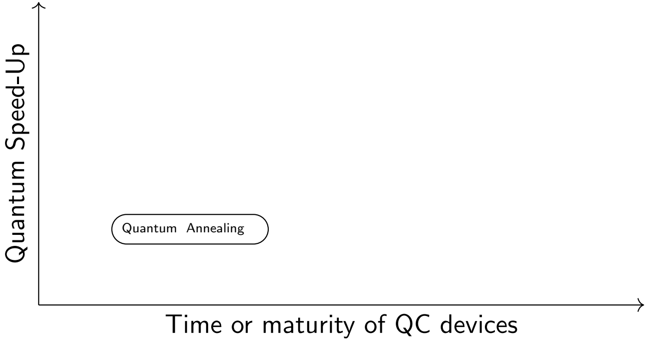

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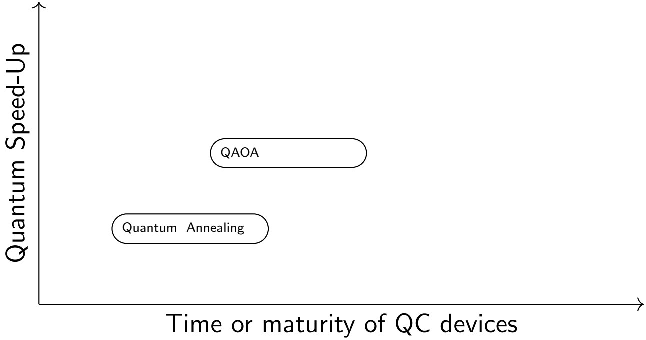

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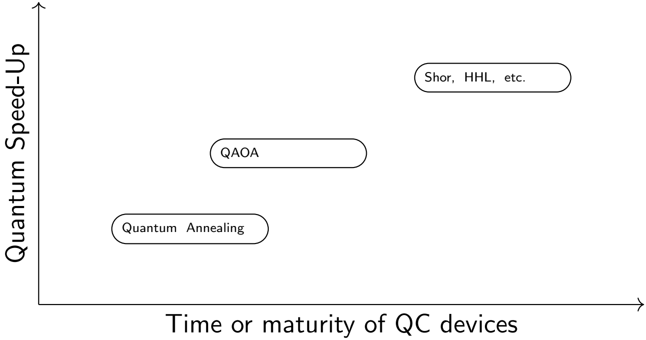

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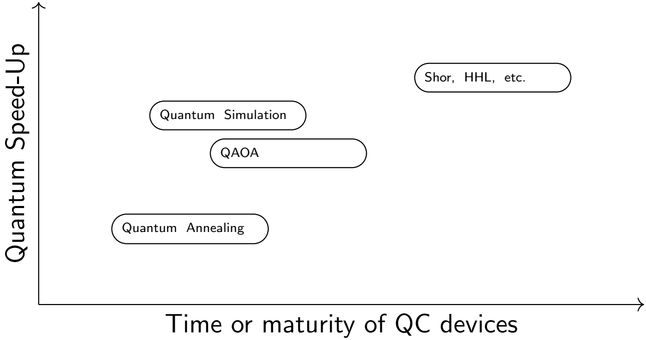

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